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SUBJECT : AFRICAN COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE

1. STATE/COMMERCE PREPARING HOLD BACK-TO-BACK AFRICAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCES IN ABIDJAN FEBRUARY 20-22 AND NAIROBI FEBRUARY 26-28. PURPOSE IS TO INFORM FIELD OFFICERS OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN USG EXPORT EXPANSION PROGRAMS, DISCUSS HOW BEST TO APPLY VARIOUS TECHNIQUES IN AFRICA, AND REVIEW US-AFRICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

2. STATE/COMMERCE ABLE TO INVITE ONE OFFICER FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POSTS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:

FOR ABIDJAN CONFERENCE: ALGIERS 2, YAOUNDE, DOUALA, BANGUI, COTONOU, LIBREVILLE, ACCRA 2, CONAKRY, MONROVIA 2, TRIPOLI, BAMAKO, NOUAKCHOTT, RABAT, CASABLANCA, NIAMEY, LAGOS 2, IBADAN, KADUNA, DAKAR, FREETOWN, LOME, TUNIS, KINSHASA, QUAGADOUGOU, NDJAMENA.

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FOR NAIROBI CONFERENCE: LUANDA, GABORONE, BUJUMBURA, ADDIS ABABA 2, ASMARA, MASERU, TANANARIVE, BLANTYRE, PORT LOUIS, LOURENCO MARQUES, KIGALI, MOGADISCIO, PRETORIA, CAPETOWN, JOHANNESBURG 2, KHARTOUM, MBABANE, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR, LUMUMBASHI, LUSAKA, KINSHASA.

WHERE MORE THAN ONE OFFICER INVITED FROM A POST, INVITATION EXTENDED TO HIGHEST RANKING STATE-FUNDED COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER. WHERE ONE OFFICER INVITED INVITATION EXTENDED TO OFFICER WHO IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL WORK. IN MAKING SELECTION OF ATTENDEES STATE AND COMMERCE RECOMMEND THAT IN CASES WHERE THE HIGHEST RANKING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OR THE HIGHEST RANKING COMMERCIAL OFFICER IS COMING UP FOR REASSIGNMENT BEFORE JULY 1, OR CANNOT ATTEND FOR OTHER REASONS, THEN NEXT RANKING OFFICER BE SENT IN HIS PLACE. IN CASES WHERE BOTH THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL OFFICER ARE INVITED AND POST CANNOT RELEASE BOTH, COMMERCIAL OFFICER SHOULD ATTEND BECAUSE OF NATURE OF AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED.

3. FOR KINSHASA: BECAUSE ZAIRE IS A PILOT CCP POST REQUEST AN OFFICER FROM POST BE DESIGNATED TO ATTEND EACH CONFERENCE (NEED NOT BE SAME OFFICER).

4. ABIDJAN CONFEREES SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE LATEST AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 19 AND NAIROBI CONFEREES SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE LATEST AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 25.

5. POST SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONFIRM OFFICERS ATTENDING TO BOTH WASHINGTON AND HOST EMBASSY. (FOR HOTEL RESERVATION PURPOSES, INCLUDE DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL.) ADDRESS REPLIES TO IRVING WILLIAMSON EB/OCA/BR, STATE AND ROBERT WATKINS OD/OIM/BIC, COMMERCE. THOSE ATTENDING ABIDJAN CONFERENCE SHOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY NOTIFY CONTROL OFFICER JOHN FERRITER AND THOSE ATTENDING NAIROBI CONFERENCE SHOULD NOTIFY CONTROL OFFICER WILLIAM WOLLE.

6. SEPARATE MESSAGES FOLLOW SUPPLYING FISCAL DATA FOR PARTICIPANTS AND GIVING DETAILS OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENDA, WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, AND SELECTED PANEL PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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